

REMARKS

In the Office action dated January 30, 2009, the Examiner objected to the drawings, acknowledged Applicant's claim for foreign priority, and rejected claims 1-17. Claims 18-23 were allowed.

In this response, Applicant submits corrected drawings and cancels all non-allowed claims, in order to expedite allowance of the application.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The Examiner objected to Figures 1-3, stating that Figure 1 should have a "prior art" label and Figures 2 and 3 are missing one or more reference numerals. In response, Applicant submits herewith corrected drawings, with Figure 1 including a "prior art" label and Figures 2 and 3 including additional reference numerals, as listed in the specification.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Applicant has canceled all non-allowed claims, in order to expedite allowance. Applicant's claim amendments are made without prejudice to pursue any non-allowed subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

In addition, Applicant has amended allowed claim 18 to correct a grammatical error. Applicant also has added new dependent claims 24-28, depending ultimately from allowed independent claim 18, to include further limitations. Applicant respectfully submits that these newly added dependent claims (which are based on canceled dependent claims 11 and 15-17) are allowable at least because of their ultimate dependence on an allowed independent claim (claim 18).

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant submits that the pending claims (claims 18-28) are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the Examiner to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative at 312-913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,

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